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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2006, in the subject application identified above. Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowance of claims 15 and 16 and the allowability of claims 3-5. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

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